

WHERE WOMAN IS MAN'S EQUAL AND ECONOMICALLY FREE

All Working Side by Side in Field and Factory and Profiting Alike, Everyone Over 14 Expected to "Pull His Pound."

A vine-clad Amana colony home, some school boys and a glimpse of a community kitchen.


There's one spot in the United States where women are economically free and on an absolute equality with men in everything that pertains to life.

Yet the women do not vote—for this spot isn't in a suffrage state. It existed years before any American woman ever voted, and its women don't care a fig for suffrage.

This Utopia of equality is "True Inspiration," the Amana colony in Iowa county, Iowa—a successful communistic settlement of 1,800 persons, established 60 years ago by Germans driven from the Fatherland. They own 2,800 acres of land, many houses thereon and several factories.

The Amana men and women share alike in work and reward. The woman doesn't need to marry to get a home. When she is 14 she goes to work in the field, in the factory or in the community kitchens.

If she marries she has no domestic problems to face. She still works side by side with the men. Each family has a separate apartment, though many families may live under one roof. All eat at community dining rooms, which accomodate from 16 to 40 persons. The trustees of the colony



assign individuals and families to the different apartments and dining halls, assign them also to their particular work and pass on their individual needs.

A mother devotes the first two years of her child's life exclusively to the baby—with no outside work, no meals to get, no housework duties. After that the child is cared for in a public nursery, or by old women no longer able to work in field or factory.

School "keeps" the whole year 'round and in large measures supplants the home training. At the age of 14 all girls have finished their education, and are afterwards considered as women, and with the latter share in the colony's work. For ambitious boys over 14 there

